

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON RETIREE HEALTH CARE REFORMS**

Thursday, November 29, 2007 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Meadows, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Johnson, Alma Smith, Valentine, Wenke, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss.

Representative Wenke made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 4451 Marleau	State financing and management; bonds; bonding authority for prefunded retiree health care; provide for.
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HB 5465 Corriveau	State financing and management; bonds; bonding authority for prefunded retiree health care; provide for.
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HB 5466 Valentine	State financing and management; bonds; bonding authority for prefunded retiree health care; provide for.
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Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, spoke in support of the concept of the bills.

Representative Marleau spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of HB 4451.

Representative Corriveau spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of HB 5465.

Representative Valentine spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of HB 5466.

Kirk Profit, representing Washtenaw County and the City of Dearborn, spoke to the Committee in support of the bills.

Representative Hammel spoke to the Committee in support of the bills.

Representative Alma Smith made a motion to adopt HB 4451 (H-1).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Meadows, Spade, Johnson, Alma Smith, Valentine, Wenke, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss. (9/10)

Nays: None. (0/10)

Pass: None. (0/10) (9/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Summer Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League, and Jim O'Connor, representing the City of Dearborn, spoke in support of the bills.

Laura Appel, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, spoke in support of the bills.

Scott Buhrer, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Grand Rapids, spoke in support of HB 4451.

Michael McGee and Patsy Cantrell, representing the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association, spoke in support of HB 4451.

Tom Hickner, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a card in support of the bills.

Mike Moquin, representing the Municipal Employee Retirement System, submitted a card in support of the bills.

Noah Smith, representing the Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems, submitted a card in support of the bills.

The Committee returned to work on HB 4451 (H-1).

Representative Valentine made a motion to report HB 4451 (H-1) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Johnson, Alma Smith, Valentine, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss. (9/10)

Nays: Representative Wenke. (1/10)

Pass: None. (0/10) (9/1/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Spade made a motion to amend HB 5465 as follows:

1. Amend page 4, line 19, after "**OF**" by striking out "**AA**" and inserting "**A**".

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Johnson, Alma Smith, Valentine, Wenke, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss. (10/10)

Nays: None. (0/10)

Pass: None. (0/10) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Wenke made a motion to amend HB 5465 as follows:

1. Amend page 1, line 3, by striking out "**WITHOUT**".

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representative Wenke. (1/10)

Nays: Representatives Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Johnson, Alma Smith, Valentine, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss. (9/10)

Pass: None. (0/10) (1/9/0)

An insufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion did not prevail.

Representative Calley made a motion to report HB 5465 (H-1) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Johnson, Alma Smith, Valentine, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss. (9/10)

Nays: Representative Wenke. (1/10)

Pass: None. (0/10) (9/1/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Spade made a motion to report HB 5466 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Johnson, Alma Smith, Valentine, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss. (9/10)

Nays: Representative Wenke. (1/10)

Pass: None. (0/10) (9/1/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Meadows declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 12:35 p.m.

Representative Mark Meadows, Chair

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